



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
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**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

20 ILCS 2310/2310-610 new

Amends the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Department of Public Health to classify obesity as a disease. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT in relation to public health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and  
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
6 amended by adding Section 2310-610 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-610 new)

8 Sec. 2310-610. Disease classification; obesity. The  
9 Department shall classify obesity as a disease.

10 For the purpose of this Section:

11 "Body mass index" means a mathematical formula used to  
12 determine a person's body weight in relation to height as  
13 measured by dividing a person's weight in kilograms by the  
14 square of the person's height in meters.

15 "Obesity" means:

16 (1) having a body mass index of 30 or greater; or

17 (2) having a body mass index of 27 or greater and  
18 having one or more of the following:

19 (i) Type II diabetes mellitus;

20 (ii) Impaired glucose tolerance;

21 (iii) Hypertension;

22 (iv) Cardiovascular disease;

23 (v) Gastric reflux disease;

24 (vi) Gall bladder disease;

25 (vii) Osteoarthritis of the hips or knees;

26 (viii) Sleep apnea;

27 (ix) Cerebrovascular disease (stroke);

28 (x) Coronary heart disease;

29 (xi) Dyslipidemia;

30 (xii) Gout;

31 (xiii) Cancer;

32 (xiv) Infertility; or

1                   (xv) Respiratory difficulties

2           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
3    becoming law.